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No More 'Spoils System' For IFC Presidents

Way back when we were a lowly freshman we remember standing in front of the Corner Room and watching a gleaming white-tired convertible glide by with an immaculately clad little fellow at the wheel.

"That guy," a knowing friend informed us, "is the president of IFC, and he bought that car out of his rakeoff."

Our informant went on to explain that this chap had gotten the job through politics and had done practically nothing for the thousand-odd shekels he received. Which, we agreed, was something less than cricket; and we decided that some day we would write an editorial branding the whole IFC situation.

This is—or could have been—that editorial. Fortunately, IFC beat us to the jump by washing its hands.

Reforms long overdue—regular audit of Interfraternity Council's books, bonding of the secretary-treasurer, authorization by the Council of the payment of all bills—have been instituted. These and other progressive measures are set down in the new constitution which is being considered for adoption by the Council.

There is little doubt that the new constitution will be adopted. The only provision seriously contested is Section 10 of the By-laws, which provides that the president and secretary-treasurer of the Council shall receive \$100 apiece for their services. A substantial group thinks they should receive no compensation whatever. And this is the same organization which so recently allowed its executives to make off with funds running into four figures!

Times have changed. The Collegian is not greatly concerned as to whether Interfraternity Council's officials are paid a definite salary or whether they are paid merely in prestige. Perhaps, in view of College policy of compensations, it is only fair to grant IFC officers some gratuity. On the other hand, perhaps they are amply rewarded through their expenses—paid jaunt to the national IFC convention and through the honors of their position. This is the stand of the Association of Fraternity Counselors.

We are content to let IFC settle this problem in its own way. The vital interest of the Collegian is in the strict continuance of the Council's new anti-graft policy. No organization can function as a credit to itself and to the College if it is dominated by gentlemen interested chiefly in personal spoils.

Interfraternity Council is still a far-from-perfect organization. With the reform of its financial set-up, however, it has taken a long forward step.

IFC is no longer in the market for convertibles.
—W.E.F.



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Chowder And Stuff

Have you seen the new "armory" on the College Avenue side of the Textile Chemistry Building? . . . Is it a preview of things to come? . . . After visiting Michigan and the Far West, the Craighead twins, Frank and John, are now in India for the National Geographic Society . . . They scored in the Saturday Evening Post last fall with a bird story . . . Bernie Newman is at the Hotel Astor in the big town doing an occasional stint for the City News Association . . . And Sammy Gallu and Bernie Fried are trying to land spots in shows on the Gay White Way.

On The Hook

Stan Marcus spent his mid-semester vacation in Miami . . . his second vacation there in a month . . . college life—it's wonderful! . . . Evy Braddock has returned to school after a long siege in the hospital . . . Looking better than ever . . . Penn State's New York contingent spent its vacation at the German-American Club . . . too many there to mention . . . Bill Fowler is reportedly taking the marriage course . . . and it is rumored around town that Warren McPherson is hunting a 260-pound mouse-like lithe figure that glides around the campus named Alan F. Kirkpatrick.

Scholastic Prayer

I'm needing dough
To make a go
Of life's unending struggle.
Without this boon
Life's out of tune,
No sweet coed will snuggle
Within my arms.
Bereft of charms
And domed afar to wander—
My presence scorned
I'll die unmourned
If all my cash I squander.

Oh, give me fame
And cause my name
To echo down the ages—
A handsome face,
And easy grace,
A place among the sages.
But, dear old fate,
at any rate
To my purse be kind and gentle.
Relieve my woe
With scads of dough,
For cash is fundamental.

—Contributed.



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